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SUBJECT: VISITS OF EGYPTIAN VICE PRESIDENT MUBARAK AND ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD TO DAMASCUS

1. SYRIAN MEDIA GAVE PROMINENT ATTENTION TO MUBARAK'S FIVE-HOUR VISIT APRIL 30. EVENING NEWS LED OFF WITH COVERAGE HIS RECEPTION AT AIRPORT BY PRIMIN AYYUBI, FONMIN KHADDAM AND AIR FORCE COMMANDER NAJI JAMIL. CONTINUED WITH CLIPS HIS 1830 MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ASAD WHICH AYYUBI LATER JOINED, MENTIONING THAT HE DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASAD. MUBARAK DEPARTED DAMASCUS 1640. MAY 1 PRESS REPORTED THIS AS WELL AS LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HIS HONOR BY AYYUBI.

2. EGYPTIAN CHARGE TOLD EMBOFF EVENING APRIL 30 THAT VISIT COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AN INITIAL MEETING OF SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE BECAUSE MUBARAK HAD SPENT ALMOST WHOLE TIME WITH PRESIDENT ASAD.

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3. ARAB LEAGUE SYG RIAD ARRIVED LATER AFTERNOON
APRIL 30 AND TOLD PRESS ON ARRIVAL THAT FOLLOWING ON
ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING IN CAIRO IT WAS NECESSARY
FOR HIM TO CONSULT WITH CONFRONTATION STATES ON RESULTS
OF MEETING AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CURRENT SITUATION,
PARTICULARLY HOLDING OF NEXT ARAB SUMMIT. HE DID NOT
MAKE ANY SPECIFIC MENTION OF SYRIAN-IRAQI DISPUTE
OVER EUPHRATES.

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